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SUBJECT:PROSPECTIVE NRC-DUTCH ARRANGEMENT FOR REGULATORY
AND SAFETY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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1. ADVISE VAN DAATSELAAR SUBJECT ARRANGEMENT CAN BE CON-
CLUDED BY SIGNATURES OF THE NETHERLANDS AND UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENTS. ONTS THE U.S. SIDE AN NRC COMMISSIONER OR THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. AGREEMENT BASIS AND LIMITATIONS ARE
NOTED IN EXAMPLE OF NRC-CNEN (ITALY) ARRANGEMENT SIGNED
MAY 29, 1975, BEING AIRMAILED TO VAN DAATSELAAR AND AMEMBAS-
SY THE HAGUE TODAY. IDENTICAL COPY HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY
SENT TO MR. HERMAN C, VAN VIERSEN, FIRST SECRETARY (SCI-
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ENTIFIC), EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS, WASHINGTON.

2. REGARDING TIMELIER INFORMATION EXCHANGE, DUTCH, TNO INSTITUTES FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE TO OCCASIONAL NRC REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. WE FEEL WE MATCH THIS PERFORMANCE REGARDING TO DUTCH INQUIRIES. SIGNING AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WHICH AFFORDS PROMPT INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ABNORMAL INCIDENTS AT REACTORS, ETC. NRC IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN OPERATIONAL INFORMATION ON

THE 450 MWE PWR BORSSELLE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, A TWO LOOP, 225 MWE EACH, REACTOR. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF U.S. REACTORS WITH 225 MWE LOOPS, ANY OF WHICH COULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE DUTCH. NOTE: IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICULAR REACTOR ON WHICH INFORMATION IS TO BE EXCHANGED IS NOT RE: NOT A PRECONDITION TO SIGNING THE ARRANGEMENT.

3. RECOMMEND VAN DAATSELAAR ADOPT SAMPLE ARRANGEMENT TO DUTCH CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROPOSE ARRANGEMENT TO NRC. PROVIDED DUTCH PROPOSAL IS CONSISTANT WITH IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF SAMPLE AND WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VERIFY SAME, NRC HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS WOULD MEET IN THE HAGUE OCT 1 TO NEGOTIATE AND POSSIBLY SIGN THE ARRANGEMENT.

4. WE KNOW VAN DAATSELAAR AS AN ATTENDEE OF THE NRC SEPT-OCT 197DD-1973 WORKSHOP ON REGULATORY PRACTISES AND AS A MEMBER OF THE DUTCH PLANT PHYSICAL SECURITY AND MATERIALS SAFEGUARDS TEAM WHICH VISITED NRC, ERDA AND CONTRACTOR SITES THE WEEK OF FEB 9, 1975. GIVEN THE QUESTIONS ASKED IN REFTEL PARAGRAPH ONE, WE ELECTED TO CONTACT VAN VIERSSSEN FIRST REGARDING INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. VAN VIERSSSEN INDICATED THE DEPT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS WOULD NORMALLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SIGNING THE SUBJECT ARRANGEMENT.

5. APPRECIATE EMBASSY ADVISE AFTER DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND VAN DAATSELAAR HAVE REVIEWED DRAFT AS TO WHETHER AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE OR WHETHER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR OCT 1. KISSINGER

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